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SUBJ: ADMINISTRATION OF EMBASSY

FOR JOS FROM NEWSOM

THROUGH VARIOUS MESSAGES YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE OF OUR
RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR JOB YOU ARE DOING UNDER VERY
DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. WE HAVE ALSO SENT POLICY
DETERMINATIONS REACHED WITH RESPECT NEXT FEW MONTHS IN
LIBYA.

THE POLICY AS INDICATED IS TO MAINTAIN US DIPLOMATIC
PRESENCE UNTIL OUTCOME OF UNION QUESTION BECOMES CLEARER
PRESUMABLY BY END OF SEPTEMBER. THIS WILL BE PERIOD WHEN
WE WISH AVOID CONFRONTATIONS AND MAINTAIN MINIMUM OF
ACTIVITY. I FULLY APPRECIATE THAT WITH RESTRICTION ON
ACCESS THIS WILL BE TRYING TIME FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF.
WE THEREFORE WISH MINIMIZE BURDENS ON YOU BOTH IN WORK AND
IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH MARTHINSEN' S HELP WE ARE AGAIN
REVIEWING POST' S REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES. WE ALSO
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EXAMINING POSSIBILITY OF DELETING TRIPOLI FROM ROUTINE
CIRCULAR MESSAGES. WE WILL WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS
WELL. MEANWHILE WE WILL CONTINUE SEEK ALL OPPORTUNITIES
RELIEVE WORKLOAD PRESSURE ON REDUCED PERSONNEL, AND GET
YOU ADDITIONAL HELP. WE HAVE ALSO PROPOSED INCREASE IN

DIFFERENTIAL TO ALLOWANCE STAFF.

MY VERY BEST PERSONAL WISHES TO YOU, SYLVIA AND
MEMBERS OF YOUR DIMINISHING STAFF. RUSH

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